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TAGE: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: SSN MONITORING SYSTEM-PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY: GOJ WILL APPROVE BONA FIDE EMERGENCY ENTRY FOR SSNS AND
BELEIVES THAT INTERIM EVALUATION SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE BY END
OF APRIL. END SUMMARY.

1. ON MARCH 3 DIRGEN AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OKAWARA AND
SECURITY DIVISION HEAD YAMASHITA TOLD CHARGE AND POL/MIL COUNSELOR
THAT STA HAD BEEN WORKING HARD ON NEW SSN RADIATION EVALUATION
SYSTEM AND HAD MADE FORMAL REPORT ON MARCH 2 TO CABINET. AS
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CABINET HAD APPROVED 106 MILLION YEN FOR SHIFT
FROM DEFUNCT SYSTEM TO NEW ONE, INCLUDING PROVISION OF INTERIM
SYSTEM, AND THAT STA HAD SET END OF APRIL AS QUOTE TARGET DATE
UNQUOTE FOR COMPLETE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM SYSTEM.
EIGHT WEEK PERIOD BETWEEN PRESENT AND END OF APRIL TO BE USED AS
FOLLOWS: TWO WEEKS TO FINISH

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CONTRACTING WITH EVALUATING AGENCIES, TWO WEEKS FOR TRAINING OF
PERSONNEL IN EVALUATION TECHNIQUES, TWO WEEKS FOR TESTING, AND

TWO WEEKS FOR CONFIRMATION OF ACCURACY OF TESTS. OKAWARA SAID THAT CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO HAD PRESSED STA TO COME UP WITH ACCELERATED PROGRAM BUT HAD RELENTED UPON HEARING EXPLANATION OF WHAT INVOLVED.

2. OKAWARA ALSO REPORTED THAT GOJ WOULD RAISE NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY OF SSN'S IN EVENT OF REAL EMERGENCY INVOLVING HUMAN-ITARIAN CONCERNS FOR ILL OR INJURED SEAMAN OR FOR SAFETY OF CREW IN CASE OF SERIOUS EQUIPMENT FAILURE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOJ WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE AS POSSIBLE AND THAT EMERGENCY MUST NOT BE ONE MERELY OF MINOR EQUIPMENT FAILURE OR OF CONVENIENCE. ACCORDING TO OKAWARA, NIKAIDO HIMSELF PERSONALLY INSTRUCTED MINISTRIES ON POLICY OF EMERGENCY ENTRY. IF NATURE OF EMERGENCY ALLOWS OF CHOICE OF JAPANESE PORTS, OKAWARA SAID THAT GOJ WOULD PREFER THAT SASEBO BE USED, SINCE SASEBO WOULD BE LEAST QUOTE TROUBLESOME UNQUOTE OF THREE PORTS AVAILABLE.

3. OKAWARA EMPHASIZED THAT END OF APRIL WAS MERELY TARGET DATE, NOT GUARANTEE, AND THAT DATE WAS SUBJECT TO SLIPPAGE IN EVENT FOR EXAMPLE, THAT LABOR UNIONS IN LABORATORIES SHOULD RAISE UNEXPECTEDLY SEVERE OBJECTION. GOJ, HOWEVER, WOULD TAKE EVERY MEASURE TO PREVENT SLIPPAGE. GIVEN NATURE OF TARGET DATE, OKAWARA REQUESTED STRONGLY THAT US SPOKESMEN AVOID MAKING ANY REFERENCE TO TIMING, WHICH, HE SAID, COULD RUIN THINGS BY STIMULATING OPPOSITION PARTY CRITICISM.

4. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT TARGET DATE WAS FARTHER AWAY THAN USG WOULD HAVE WISHED; BUT IT APPARENT THAT GOJ HAD WORKED HARD ON PROBLEM, AND USG WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF THAT FACT.

5. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH OKAWARA THAT ISSUE WOULD BE COMPLICATED GREATLY BY ANY LEAKAGE OF END OF APRIL TARGET DATE. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL USG SPOKESMEN STICK TO LINE THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT CONCERNING SSN PROBLEM AND THAT USG IS DEFERRING FOR TIME BEING ANY SSN VISITS TO JAPANESE PORTS.

END COMMENT.
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